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EAST BETHEL ROAD UPDATE

EDITOR'S NOTE: In January 1986, the Society published a second and greatly expanded edition of Eva Bean's EAST BETHEL ROAD, which originally appeared in 1959. The information below reflects births, marriages and deaths since that time as well as additions and corrections to the second edition. Anyone with further information is invited to submit it for possible inclusion in future updates. A limited number of copies of the book are still available at \$50 (Society members are entitled to a 10% discount) plus \$2.50 for postage and insurance.

MARRIAGES

Cynthia Jane Parker and Richard J. Kilbashian of Cambridge, MA, September 24, 1977
Susan Lynn Bryant and Jeffrey Scott Leighton of York, ME, January 7, 1978
Susan Jane LeClair and Scott Alan Knight, Wauwatosa, WI, March 1, 1980
Norman Ferguson III and Lisa E. Ramsey, both of Hanover, ME, August 20, 1983
Vicki Diane Parker and Gregory Farrell, October 26, 1984
Donna Smith Martin and James Bernard of Andover, ME, March 23, 1985
Alvin L. Barth, Jr. and Lee M. Johanson of Norway, ME, March 23, 1985
Scott Farwell of Dixfield and Christine Davis of Bryant Pond, ME, June 22, 1985
Cheryl Sessions and David Bownes, August 24, 1985
Penny Kimball and Keith Savage, September 14, 1985
Sgt. Debra Buck USA and Jeffrey L. Haworth of Kansas City, KS, in Edwardsville, KS, December 28, 1985
Patricia Lynne Hudson and Gregory Todd Bennett, June 7, 1986
Martha J. Merrill of Ogunquit and Mark S. Sheckells of Stuart, FL, June 13, 1986
Mitchel Sweetser of Bryant Pond and Dawn Marie Myers of Waterville, June 14, 1986
Keith Bartlett, Jr. and Laurie J. Jurpiel in Marlborough, MA, June 14, 1986
Kevin Gould and Kimberly Morgan, June 21, 1986
Jack Greig and Patricia M. Saunders in Stonington, ME, July 4, 1986
Kevin York and Wanda Palmer, July 12, 1986
Kenneth Grover and Traci Poland, July 25, 1986
Holly Bancroft and Michael Brown of St. Johnsbury, VT, July 28, 1986
Velora Faye Kimball and Bruce Eric Touminen, October 18, 1986
Judy May Walker and David Wendall Roberts, October 19, 1986
Dale Lapham and Barbara H. Merrill, November 14, 1986
Rebecca L. Stearns and Leo R. Cyr, November 15, 1986
Stephanie Fuller and Eric Wardwell, May 16, 1987
Jacqueline Crockett and Bruce Libby, May 16, 1987

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Members of the family of Marjorie MacArthur Noll attended the presentation of the first award for outstanding volunteer service at the 22nd annual meeting of the Society. From left to right: son Rob of Southwest Harbor; daughter Penny Beckmann of Litchfield, CT; sister Jean Barker, Delray Beach, FL; the recipient Floribel Haines of Bethel; sister Roberta Kirmse of Wallingford, CT; grandson Bruce Beckmann of Litchfield, CT; husband George of Bethel. Photo courtesy of Donald S. Brown.

FLORIBEL HAINES RECEIVES FIRST NOLL AWARD

It 1986, the Society Trustees authorized an award for outstanding volunteer service to honor the late Marjorie MacArthur Noll (see profile in Winter 1984 CURIER). Society Director Stanley R. Howe made the following remarks in making the presentation to Floribel Haines, the first recipient:

Tonight we honor one of our volunteers — and we have a great many who deserve recognition for all they have done for the Society. Last year the family and friends of Marjorie MacArthur Noll contributed funds to establish a volunteer service award in her memory. Mrs. Noll was one of our most outstanding volunteers. She began her service to the Society in the mid-1970s as a guide in the museum. Soon she became active in other activities, assisting with mailings, receptions and the work of the membership committee. Next she became the person in charge of recruiting and coordinating volunteers for the museum. In almost every aspect of Society work she left her mark with her dedication, enthusiasm and hard work. She made my life easier by always being available to assist with anything

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(Marriages, continued from page 1)

Elizabeth Mercer and Brian R. O'Connor of Hyannis, MA, June 20, 1987
Earl L. Tyler and Earline M. Dube of Westbrook, July 18, 1987
Thomas H. Sweetser of Bryant Pond and Sonia Soucy of Rumford, August 1, 1987
Kurt Greenleaf Brown of Bethel and Tammy Jean Townsend of Windham, August 29, 1987
Cynthia Crockett Wakefield of Bethel and Joseph Campbell of Bryant Pond, October 16, 1987

BIRTHS

To Leslie and Monique Marcoue Bailey, a daughter, Justine Leigh, June 19, 1986
To David and Cheryl Sessions Bownes, a son, Ryan Hugh, September 9, 1986
To Corey and Patricia Green Brown of Rock Springs, WY, a son, Christopher Carl, October 7, 1985
To Jody and Jacqueline Cross Brown in Norway, a daughter, Mallory Regina, November 7, 1987
To Owen and Dorothy Swan Brown of Bryant Pond, a son, Allan James, September 22, 1985
To Andrew and Elaine Douglass Buck of Newburgh, ME, a daughter, Elizabeth Sarah, August 26, 1985
To Stephen and Jennifer Hudson Chace, a daughter, Rebecca Lynne, August 4, 1987
To Phil and Linda Buck Chin, a son, Alexander John, (announced in *Bethel Citizen*, June 4, 1986)
To W. Thomas and Christine Keough Coolidge of Lewiston, a daughter, Amanda Neva
To David and JoAnn Hoyt Crockett, a son, Shawn David, June 12, 1987
To Rex and Sheila Tremblay Cummings of Danvers, MA, a son, Clark Adam, March 25, 1986
To Jay Lee and Nancy Brown Darling, a son, September 3, 1985
To William and Darlene Rentschler Eames of Walnut Springs, TX, a daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth, March 8, 1986
To Gregory and Vicki Parker Farrell of New Haven, CT, a son, Derek Martin, October 7, 1986
To Norman III and Lisa Ramsey Ferguson, formerly of Hanover, ME, now of San Antonio, TX, a son, Eric Ramsey, October 22, 1986
To Jeffrey and Sheila Gallant Fleet, a son, Casey Alan, May 23, 1986
To Thomas and Diane Cummings Gaudreau, a daughter, Precious Morgan, August 30, 1985
To Douglas and Wanda Greenleaf, a daughter, Leora Ann, April 15, 1986
To Kenneth Grover and Traci Poland, a daughter, Alexis, June 6, 1986
To H. Scott and Deborah Burgess Gunther of West Peru, a daughter Chelsey Yvonne, October 22, 1987

EDITOR'S CORNER

It is perhaps obvious to say that change is with us each day. Nothing underlines this statement more dramatically than our attempt to keep genealogies up to date as we are with additions and corrections to the second edition of Eva Bean's *EAST BETHEL ROAD*, published in 1986. Recent births, marriages and deaths plus other changes that have been recorded appear elsewhere in this issue. Readers are urged to bring other changes to our attention so that these may be published in future issues.

SRH

To Carl and Dori Harrington Hallman of Bucksport, a daughter, Heather Elizabeth, July 12, 1986
To Brian and Wendy Davis Hanscom, twin sons, Adam Paul and Eric James, July 2, 1985
To Michael Hopkins and Linda Hertell of Auburn, ME, a daughter, Jessamyn Marie Hertell-Hopkins, October 9, 1985
To Thomas and Suzanne Kimball Howe, a daughter, Brittany Mae, May 15, 1986
To Leonard II and Cathy Littlefield Hoy, a son, Michael Joseph, August 3, 1985
To Karen Hughes, a son, Jeffrey Andrew, October 28, 1986
To David and Roberta Saunders Hunt, a daughter, Sheena Marie, September 16, 1985
To Glendon and Agatha Deraspe Kimball, a daughter, Hilary Eden, November 10, 1986
To Robert and Lorie Olson Jewell of South Paris, a daughter, Charlee Marie, August 25, 1985
To Gilbert and Jill Hutchins Lea of Scarborough, a daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth, October 8, 1985
To Frederick and Brenda Bancroft Leighton of Enfield, ME, a son, Todd Robert, September 16, 1986
To Jeffrey and Susan Bryant Leighton, two daughters, Kathryn Rebecca, August 5, 1981 and Sarah Kristine, October 4, 1986
To Henry and Katherine Deegan Lessard of El Cajon, CA, a son, Daniel William, October 22, 1985
To Joyce Marshall, two sons, Jeremy Ray, September 30, 1985, and Kenneth George, January 13, 1987
To Kevin and Valerie Carroll Mercer, Hyannis, MA, a daughter, Jamie Lynn, March 3, 1986
To Gregory and Perdita Buck Merrill, a daughter Kianne Janine, March 23, 1986
To Gregory and Judy Sussman Morrill of New York, a daughter, Amy Sue, May 23, 1985
To Kelly and Laurie Littlefield Morse, a daughter, Jessica Lynn, April 16, 1985
To Christopher and Judith Merrill Murphy of Oakland, ME, a son, Derek Charles, July 3, 1985
To Christopher and Cyndy Kane Olson, a son, Karl Christopher, September 10, 1986
To Kim Bradley and Kathleen Ferguson Parker, a daughter, Kelly M., June 13, 1985
To Stuart and Catherine Smith Reynolds, a son, Kip Andrew, September 29, 1985
To David and Judy Walker Roberts of Rochester, NH, a son, Brandon Stanley, October 28, 1987
To Thomas and Lorna Winslow Ryan of York, ME, a son, Kerry Thomas, May 9, 1982 and a daughter, Melanie Dawn, January 2, 1985
To Jody and Jolene Andre Shimamura, a son, June 21, 1985
To Dennis and Lisa Dooen Smith, a daughter, Kaylee Marie, June 8, 1987
To Daniel and Mary Thurston Stearns, a daughter, Erin, May 9, 1986
To Bruce and Lottie Butters Stevens in Bangor, a son, Alexander Witham, November 5, 1987
To Allan O. and Sylvia Kimball Swan of Eagle River, AK, a son, Christopher Ryan, October 19, 1986
To Julie Thibodeau and Dwight York, a daughter, Mahal Thibodeau-York, January 22, 1986
To David and Sarah Safford Tyler of Germany, a son, Roland David, May 12, 1986
To Dennis and Stephanie Hanscom Walley, a son, Keith Allen, August 29, 1985

To Richard and Linda Stearns Westleigh, a son, Eric,
November 27, 1985

DEATHS

Dorothy H. Abbott, January 12, 1987, Rumford, ME
Ada Balentine, October 5, 1986, South Paris, ME
Rosamond Grover Barlow, May 3, 1986, East Boothbay, ME
Gladys Bartlett, January 2, 1987, Hanover, ME
Arthur I. Bean of Springfield, VT, April 23, 1985 Hanover, NH
Aubrey L. Bean of Norway, August 22, 1987
Enona Elota Bean, March 14, 1986, Rangeley, ME
Francis Bean, August 3, 1985, Woodstock, ME
Guy Bean, 1970, Rangeley, ME
Robert F. Bean, November 19, 1986
Rex C. Bennett, (formerly of Wilsons Mills, Maine)
February 28, 1986, Warner-Robbins, GA
Hazel B. Brooks, April 9, 1985, Bryant Pond, ME
Edward A. Brown, May 27, 1986, Berlin, NH
Thomas I. Brown, June 28, 1986, in South Paris, ME
Doris Bryant, January 18, 1981
Gregory W. Bryant, October 21, 1981
Myron Bryant, October 6, 1961
Sherwood Buck, (formerly of Woodstock) January 13, 1986, St. Albans, VT
Philip L. Carter, 1980
Walter G. Chapman, April 17, 1985, West Palm Beach, FL
Gordon S. Coffin, June 21, 1985, Norway, ME
Ruth C. Conner, November 13, 1985, Lyndonville, VT
Edgar J. Davis, March 27, 1986, West Paris, ME
Electa "Lectie" Davis, March 16, 1987, West Paris, ME
Randall L. and Leslie Bean Deanis, Bronson and Brook Lindeman, October 12, 1985, Andover, ME
Ruth Dorion, February 11, 1986
Linwood Emmons, June 4, 1987
Edith Hayes Eypper, April 6, 1986, Grafton, MA
Harriet M. Forbes, January 4, 1986, Norway, ME
Sandra Lapham Gerace, August 11, 1987, Hanover, ME
Terry Lee Gordon, May 13, 1985, Bridgton, ME
Hoyt W. Gunther, January 8, 1987, Norway, ME
Walter W. Hamlin, December 11, 1986, South Waterford, ME
Thelma B. Hicks, December 24, 1985, Lewiston, ME
Elsie M. Hinkley, December 4, 1985
Joseph W. Holt, Sr., March 12, 1987, Pittsfield, NH
W. Sidney Howe, June 17, 1987, Belfast, ME
Gustavus Kennagh, (formerly of Norway) November 7, 1986, Riviera Beach, FL
Ruth Hanscom Kidder, Dixfield, May 29, 1986, Portland, ME
Annette (Annie) Kimball, October 30, 1987, Norway, ME
Cecil A. Lapham, July 24, 1985, Rumford, ME
Ethel MacKenzie, August 27, 1987, Norway, ME
Ivan W. McAllister, March 2, 1986, New Gloucester, ME
Edward A. McDonald, June 20, 1986, Hartford, CT
Bertha M. Mason, April 23, 1985, West Paris, ME
Earl Leslie Merrill, January 30, 1987, Honeybrook, PA
Edna Jordan Moxcey, December 3, 1979 Waterford, ME
Omar A. Moxcey, September 14, 1982, Waterford, ME
Marjorie M. Noll, May 17, 1985, Norway, ME
Daniel Overton, April 6, 1985, Brooklin, ME
Mark W. Porter, March 23, 1985, Norway, ME
Rhoda H. Powers, November 13, 1961
Keith F. Ring, March 27, 1986, Norway, ME
Norma Tirrell Ross, October 2, 1987, Norway, ME

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I feel very fortunate to become President of the Society at this time. Years of hard work have resulted in an impressive array of awards and honors for our organization and its staff. While most of the credit for these awards should go to those most deeply involved, such as Stan Howe and Randy Bennett, the entire staff, volunteers and members can enjoy the feeling of satisfaction which comes from recognition from the outside. The Society has received much favorable publicity which should stimulate growth even further. As membership grows we see a broadening base of support on which yet greater accomplishments can be fashioned.

As a member of the long range planning committee I have been privileged to take a look at the future plans of the Society. It is an exciting program.

In the last few years Bethel has begun to change both economically and socially. New businesses and new groups of people have begun to settle in the area. Historians see change as inevitable and necessary. But change can also be damaging and disruptive. The greatest challenge of the Bethel Historical Society in the years to come will be to help guide the growth and development of this beautiful area of Maine. We must catalogue and preserve what can and should be saved and see that new development does not destroy the character of the community.

I look forward to three years as President of the Society and I wish to thank Alden Kennett and Stan Howe for their guidance during my previous term as Vice President.

Marvin Ouwinga

(Deaths, EAST BETHEL ROAD, continued)

Gail Curtis Scribner, May 22, 1987, South Paris, ME
Frederick H. Stanley, February 1, 1987, West Paris, ME
Archie A. Stevens, August 26, 1985
Hubert Stevens, November 16, 1987, Bethel, ME
Stella M. Sweeney, daughter of LaForest and Sarah McConnell York, August 9, 1980
Lila A. Bartlett Tenney, October 15, 1987, Poughkeepsie, NY
Richard W. Tyler, September 27, 1986, Rumford, ME
Arthur J. Valley, Jr., May 1, 1986
Grace Ward, July 20, 1985, West Paris, ME
Ruth L. Wilkinson, August 30, 1985
Raymond Williams, August 24, 1987, West Paris, ME
Randall P. Wilson, September 28, 1987, Epsom, NH
Robert J. Zaworski of Corvallis, Oregon, July 24, 1986, Locke Mills, ME

IN MEMORIAM

Died in Norway, September 18, 1987, Carleton G. Champe, life member and generous donor.

Died in Colorado Springs, CO, October 14, 1987, Mary Thurston Rice, contributing member since 1979.

SOCIETY OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

Marvin Ouwinga, President; Jane Hosterman, Vice President; Charles F. Raymond, Secretary and Clerk of the Trustees; Mary C. Keniston, Treasurer; Trustees: Donald S. Brown, Lynda H. Chandler, Alden T. Kennett, Margaret Joy Tibbetts, Sylvia Wight

SOCIETY SALES DEPARTMENT

The Society maintains a selection of modestly priced gifts and historical publications. These may be ordered at the prices listed below. Maine residents should include 5% sales tax. Orders under \$10 should include \$1 for postage and handling; those over \$10 but under \$20 should include \$2 and all those over \$20 should include \$3 for postage and handling.

Moses Mason House Tile \$3.50
Stationery (package of ten sheets and ten envelopes) \$2 each

Moses Mason House
Summer House
Bethel Railroad Station
Bethel Covered Bridge

Booklets

"Bethel's Broad Street" 75¢
"The Family Farm" 75¢
"Made in Bethel" 75¢
"Dr. Moses Mason and His House" \$1
"Molly Ockett" \$2

Maps and Atlases

1880 Map of Bethel Hill \$2
1880 Map of Entire Town (Bethel) \$2
1878 Bird's Eye View of Bethel Hill \$1
1858 Atlas of Oxford County \$6.50

Wood Tote (canvas) (Moses Mason Museum logo) \$12.50

Tote Bag (Moses Mason Museum logo) \$7.50

Placemats, 4 Season (set of four) \$7.50

Special Editions

Bethel Citizen (1974) \$1
Indian Raid '81 \$1

Books

William B. Lapham, HISTORY OF WOODSTOCK, MAINE \$19.95

B.G. Willey, INCIDENTS IN WHITE MOUNTAIN HISTORY \$25

Maxim & Lapham, HISTORY OF PARIS \$55

Holt, GRAND TRUNK LINES OF NEW ENGLAND \$24.95

D. B. Wight, WILD RIVER WILDERNESS \$4

Francis Parkman, THE GOULD ACADEMY STORY \$7.50

Ruth Crosby, FROM AN OLD LEATHER TRUNK \$3.50

BETHEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY COOKBOOK \$5

Thomas Hubka, BIG HOUSE, LITTLE HOUSE, BACK HOUSE
BARN: THE CONNECTED FARM BUILDINGS OF NEW
ENGLAND Paper \$19.95. Cloth \$29.95

William B. Lapham, HISTORY OF NORWAY, MAINE \$55

M.F. King, ANNALS OF OXFORD \$35

Jean Lipman, RUFUS PORTER REDISCOVERED \$14.95

A TRUTHFUL LIKENESS: CHESTER HARDING AND HIS
PORTRAITS \$25

Paula Wight, NEWRY PROFILES \$5

Eva Bean, EAST BETHEL ROAD \$50

R. H. Bennett, OXFORD COUNTY, MAINE \$18

William B. Lapham, HISTORY OF BETHEL, 1768-1890 \$45

F.W. Kilbourne, CHRONICLES OF THE WHITE
MOUNTAINS \$20

T-Shirts

Moses Mason Museum (Adult) (S,M,L,XL) \$7

Moses Mason Museum (Child's) (4-6-8-10-12-14) \$6

Sudbury Canada 1768-1796 (Adult) (S,M,L,XL) \$7

Sudbury Canada 1768-1796 (Child's) (4-6-8-10-12-14) \$6

Post Cards: Dr. Mason, Agnes Mason,

Moses Mason House 10¢ ea.

Bethel Historical Society Calendar, 1988 \$6

Members of the Bethel Historical Society are entitled to a 10% discount for purchases totaling \$10 or more. Please send orders to the Society at P.O. Box 12, Bethel, Maine 04217. They will be sent by return mail.

(Noll Award, continued from page 1)

that needed doing. She had a wonderful way with people and all who came to know her and work with her admired her greatly. She was always doing so many thoughtful things, remembering birthdays and visiting anyone who was sick. I frequently got cards and notes of appreciation and encouragement from her. These meant much to me. Marge loved the Bethel Historical Society and its Dr. Moses Mason House. She was very proud of its progress. This award honors her great record of achievement.

I think no one deserves this award more than this year's recipient. She perfectly embodies Marge's devotion to the Society and her fine record of service. When the Noll Award Committee was deliberating about who should receive the award, it was foremost in everyone's mind that the first presentation be particularly appropriate. This person had to be someone whose record of service was truly exemplary and whose devotion to the Society and the Dr. Moses Mason House was outstanding. It was considered very important that the tone of the award be firmly established by the remarkable credentials of the first recipient.

That recipient is a charter member so she has been active a long time (since 1966); she is also an honorary member (the Society's highest membership honor); she has been active in many areas from those earliest days. She played a leading role in the early exhibits of the Society, later becoming head of the Furnishing Committee, which set up the Dr. Moses Mason House as a museum (1974). That was an extremely hectic year, but she never seemed to tire and as a result she must be remembered as one of the chief contributors to the successful furnishing of the house. From that time until this year she never missed an opportunity to tell visitors about the Dr. Moses Mason House museum. She has been an active member of the Museum Committee and assisted with the work of the Genealogy Committee. She has given courses in various crafts on the Society's behalf; she has demonstrated crafts at various Society events; she has assisted with school programs of the Society and contributed to the Society's endowment campaigns. In short, she embodies Marge's spirit of helping wherever possible. Her enthusiasm for the Society and all its activities remains strong and only her health prevents her from full time activity at present. It is my great pleasure and honor to present the first Marjorie MacArthur Noll Volunteer Service Award to my neighbor in East Bethel during my formative years who is well-known in that community for her selfless devotion to its institutions and activities — Floribel Haines.

BOOK NOTES

Each year the Society adds significant publications of a historical and/or genealogical nature to its already impressive library holdings. A supplier of growing importance for such works, both new books and reprints, is Heritage Books, Inc., 1540E Pointer Ridge Pl., Suite 105, Bowie, MD 20716. Four of its publications, recently made available to researchers in the Society's Eva Bean Research Room, are highlighted below.

BURIAL RECORDS, 1717-1962, OF EASTERN CEMETERY, PORTLAND, MAINE. By William B. Jordan, Jr. (Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1987. Pp. 200. Paper. \$14)

Eastern Cemetery is Portland's oldest burial ground. It is believed that burials were made here in the 1600s, but no records or markers survive from that period. Record keeping was equally lax in the 1700s. In order to bring order into the use of the cemetery, in 1795 the Selectmen were authorized to lay out the "Burial Ground into plats & divisions," but it was not until 1890 that "a thorough and systematic survey of this large

cemetery was finally done. At that time William Augustus Goodwin produced a listing of 4,136 gravestones, monuments, tombs, and grave sites, along with an accurate map showing the location of every marker.

In compiling the present volume, Professor Jordan visited and checked each grave on the Goodwin map, and made additions and corrections as required. He also compared the stones with the extant burial records, and has included entries for all those persons known to have been buried here, but for whom there are no markers. In addition, several appendices list individuals whose bodies were consigned to the Portland Medical School or the Maine Medical School for teaching purposes, individuals buried in the Alms House Yard, victims of the shipwreck of the "Bohemia", and the 1866 Portland fire, plus those placed in the City Tomb whose subsequent burial place was not recorded in the city burial records.

In this large collection of about 7,000 records, each entry gives the person's full name, death date, and burial location. Other data, such as age, relationships, military service, race, and religion are provided where known. This data is alphabetically arranged by the name of the deceased accompanied by a cross-index to other persons named. A detailed history of the cemetery is provided in the introduction to the volume.

NEW HAMPSHIRE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH GUIDE. By Laird C. Towle & Ann H. Brown. (Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1983. Pp. 98. Paper. \$12)

This popular guide to research in the Granite State provides detailed instructions on how to pursue research on New Hampshire families using sources both inside and outside the State. It will be especially helpful to those who are not able to visit the State in person. All the major published and unpublished sources are discussed, as well as many which are somewhat obscure.

In this new edition, now in large format, there are several major additions in the appendices. Here are found descriptions of the major record depositories in New Hampshire with synopses of their holdings, an extensive listing of the manuscript holdings of public and private institutions in the State, a very useful summary of data on the origin and subsequent subdivision of the towns in the State and a detailed description of the contents of several major series of periodicals published on New Hampshire.

A complete name and place index enhances the usefulness of this new edition which also includes several more maps.

INCIDENTS IN WHITE MOUNTAIN HISTORY. By Benjamin G. Willey. (Bowie, MD: Heritage Books Reprint of 1856 Edition. Pp. 317. Cloth. \$25)

This classic history of the White Mountains includes a description of the mountains, their climate, geology, exploration, aboriginal Indian inhabitants and white-Indian conflicts. Here is detailed the history of early settlement and the importance of the Crawford family in this process. Here is also the story of the great slides, including the catastrophic one which destroyed the Willey family. Also included here is the history of area towns such as Albany, Bartlett, Bethlehem, Conway, Franconia, Fryeburg, Gilead, Jackson and Shelburne. A new index enhances the usefulness of this volume.

CHRONICLES OF THE WHITE MOUNTAINS. By Frederick W. Kilbourne. (Bowie, MD: Heritage Books Reprint of 1916 Edition. Pp. 520. Paper. \$20)

Of the many books written on the White Mountains of New Hampshire, this is generally considered one of the best. Beginning with the hearty explorers who first saw the moun-

tains from their ships off the coast, Kilbourne retells the story of the discovery of Crawford Notch by white men, traces the difficult struggles of the pioneering Rosebrook, Crawford, Willey and Copp families, describes the coming of the railroads and discusses the many scientists, artists and others whose names now identify many of the natural features.

Central to the history of the region is Mt. Washington, the highest peak in the northeast. Kilbourne describes the ascent made by Darby Field in 1642, tells the experiences of the first scientists to winter over, recounts the sad death of Lizzie Bourne, the first of many to die of exposure on these slopes, and retells the remarkable story of Dr. Ball who survived three snowy days with only an umbrella for protection.

The Crawford family, for whom the Notch is named, established the first mountain resort inns in America, and with their promotional efforts established a tourism industry that still flourishes today. Kilbourne recounts the history of the Crawfords, and their successors, Horace Fayban, Karl Abbott, Landlord Thompson and the Spaulding brothers. He also describes the building of the cog railway and the carriage road up Mt. Washington, the exploits of the Appalachian Mountain Club members who built the popular network of trails on the Presidential Range, and the creation of the White Mountain National Forest to save the area from the ravages of lumbering operations.

This profusely illustrated volume presents a fascinating history of the region of New England that remains widely known today. It also contains an extensive index for use by readers doing serious research.

MEMBER PROFILE



Judith E. Haskell

Born in Portland, Judith E. Haskell is a native of Norway, Maine and graduated from Norway High School in 1950. After attending Tufts for two years, she married Colwyn Haskell, an engineer at Boise Cascade in Rumford. She is the mother of two children and the grandmother of two. Mrs. Haskell received her B.S. in Education from the University of Maine in 1971. She has been active in community organizations, having lived in Bethel the past thirty years.

She has served the Society as Secretary and Clerk of the Trustees (1975-78) and as a Trustee (1978-1981). Since 1977, she has served as co-chair (with Marjorie MacArthur Noll) and later chair of the Society's Museum Committee. In this capacity she has been at the forefront of recruiting and coordinating the volunteers who staff the museum each year. Mrs. Haskell has also been active in the Society's educational and exhibit activities.



OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES ELECTED AT THE 22ND ANNUAL MEETING

Officers and trustees elected at the 22nd annual meeting of the Society include (left to right) Alden T. Kennett, trustee; Charles F. Raymond, clerk of the trustees and secretary; Mary C. Keniston, treasurer; Sylvia Wight, trustee; Jane Hosterman, vice president; Marvin Ouwinga, president; Donald S. Brown, trustee; Dr. Arthur M. Johnson, chairman, Maine Commission to Commemorate the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution (speaker). Photo courtesy of Donald S. Brown.

SOCIETY HOLDS 22nd ANNUAL MEETING

The 22nd annual meeting of the Society was held on September 3 following the traditional pot luck supper supervised by the Special Projects Committee.

During the business portion of the meeting, retiring president Alden T. Kennett presented some of the highlights of the year since the last annual meeting. These included over fifty donors of everything from furniture to photographs, the addition of over one hundred new members, the raising of over \$7000 for the endowment, the receipt of a bequest in memory of Austin F. Twitchell to support collection needs, the creation of the Noll fund to honor an outstanding volunteer annually, the publication of R.H. Bennett's OXFORD COUNTY, MAINE: A GUIDE TO ITS HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE, the presentation of the Dr. Moses Mason Award for achievement in local history to Delwin Wilson, the holding of successful annual events (Homecoming, Heritage Day, Faye Taylor Memorial Art Show, Dr. Moses Mason Birthday Party and Sudbury Canada Days), the award of a grant from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to conduct an architectural survey of Franklin County, the revision of the Society's dues structure and the hosting of an oral history workshop sponsored by the Northeast Folklore Archives of the University of Maine. President Kennett thanked everyone who made this success possible.

Maxine Brown, who chaired the nominating committee (also composed of Donald G. Bennett for the trustees and Helen Morton), reported the following slate: President: Marvin Ouwinga; Vice President: Jane Hosterman; Secretary and Clerk of the Trustees: Charles Raymond; Treasurer: Mary Keniston; Trustees for three years: Alden Kennett and Donald Brown; Trustee for two years (to complete the term of the late Edward Hastings): Sylvia Wight. The slate was accepted without dissent by the membership. President Kennett praised the contributions of outgoing trustee Donald G. Bennett.

Society director Stanley Howe presented the first annual Marjorie MacArthur Noll Volunteer Service Award to Floribel Haines. He also introduced the evening's speaker in honor of the bicentenary of the U.S. Constitution, Dr. Arthur M. Johnson, chairman of the Maine Commission to Commemorate the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, who detailed the remarkable qualities of the Constitution and urged his audience not to forget its importance to all Americans.

CORRECTIONS TO EAST BETHEL ROAD

Page 238. John George Coolidge was born March 2, 1950, not March 6.

Page 239. Serena May Coolidge was born May 18, not May 10.

Page 241. Howard A. Crockett was born in 1938, not 1935.

Page 279. Barbara Hastings Honkala was born July 9, not July 27.

Page 366 76A. Earl Coolidge, not John Coolidge, sold property to Douglas Smith.

Pages 486, 487, 488. Edward and Amy Kennett's new house is B4a, not B5a.

George and Arlene Hayes should be B11, not B7a.

Kenneth Tedford's log cabin should be B17, not B16.

Merton and Barbara Jones should be B19, not B18.

Terence and Madora Hathaway should be B18, not B17a.

Page 550 2. (a) midway Jonnie death date (1960) repeated twice

(b) Johnny Allen Wesson married July 23, 1982, not July 3.

4. Earl and Daisy were married 1972, not 1971.

Page 577. Lincoln B. Fiske left Ethel Corp, in 1973 and has since been a self-employed salesman after selling his partnership in Admiral Fire and Safety, Portland.

Page 586. Douglas Raymond Haines should be:

3. Douglas Raymond

(a) Tammie Lynn

9b) Kristen

Page 593. (Bottom of Page) 1. Linda Hertell, born April 10, 1956, married Michael Hopkins, and lives in Auburn, ME.

Page 592. William G. Hastings married Virginia Daisey not Daicey.

Page 601 2. Sandra Gillings Howe was born December 17, 1946, not 1948.

4. Diane Seames Howe was born June 23, 1952, not 1953

(a) Andrea Lee, born August 23, 1969, not September

Page 616. Robert Lichtenstein and Rhonda May Hebert were married August 8, 1981, not August 23.

Page 616. Darlene C. Merrill graduated from University of Maine, Orono, in 1972, and received an M.A. from the University of Southern Maine in 1981.

Page 634. David Morton, son of Hugh and Erma Tetley Morton, was born July 26, 1937. A graduate of the University of Maine in 1960 and the recipient of an M.A. in 1962, he married Ann Louise Hastings, daughter of Robert D. and Florence Bickford Hastings. She is a graduate of the University of Maine in 1960 and the University of Southern Maine. He is a teacher and she is a guidance counselor in the Rumford school system.

Children:

1. Pamela, born September 23, 1962, lives in Boulder, CO and is a graduate of the University of Colorado, Boulder.
2. Thomas, born January 10, 1964, lives in California.
3. Paul, born March 24, 1969, graduated from Rumford High School in 1987 and is a pre-med student at McGill University in Montreal, PQ.

Page 635. Barbara Mundt Walsh children were born in 1971, not 1981.

Page 642-643. Elisabeth (not Elizabeth) Lee Bingham's parents lived in Summit, NJ, not South Orange, NJ.

Children:

1. Marilee Mansfield was divorced (March 1986) and married (second) February 20, 1987, Raymond L. Eaton of Deer Isle, ME.
2. Cathleen Terry married Hugh W. Bowden of Brooklin, ME; they were divorced in 1982.
3. Gregory Bingham was later divorced.

Page 648. Janina Lee Potsaid was married September 7, 1968 in London, England.

Majic Stanley Potsaid, Jr. was married September 6, 1981

Child:

(a) Jennifer Lynn, born at Clark Air Force Base.

Michael Jan was married August 13, 1972.

Barbara Jean is now divorced.

Page 649 (Botton of page). Jeffrey Lee Kimball was born in 1971, not 1972.

Page 693 L. 2. Errold O. Donaue should be Donahue.

Page 722. Harlow Family should be 587 not 586.

SOCIETY RECEIVES TWO AWARDS

During the month of October the Society received two awards. The first was presented at the monthly meeting by Dr. Robert M. York, State Historian and vice-president of the Maine League of Historical Societies and Museum. The award named in honor of longtime Bates College Dean Harry W. Rowe, who was long active in state and local history was presented to the Society "for an outstanding contribution to State and local history." In presenting the award, Dr. York made the following remarks:

In your twenty one years, you have come a long, long way. Your membership of almost 800 makes you one of the largest historical societies in the State. You are also one of a very small select group where good things are happening all the time. Your endowment is the envy of other societies. Your record in membership, marking historic sites, offering courses in history, genealogy and crafts, your efforts on behalf of the Broad Street Historic District, your sponsorship of a host of very successful special events such as Indian Raid '81, your publications record from a cookbook to the reprinting and making additions to Lapham's HISTORY OF BETHEL and Bean's EAST BETHEL ROAD and now Randy Bennett's most impressive OXFORD COUNTY, MAINE: A GUIDE TO ITS HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE are truly outstanding. Your quarterly THE BETHEL COURIER is a model publication. You have been blessed with strong leaders and a strong supportive membership. More than that, you recruited an outstanding director (Stanley R. Howe) whose dedication to Bethel and to State and local history is phenomenal.

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ROWE AWARD PRESENTED TO THE SOCIETY
State Historian Dr. Robert M. York (left), representing the Maine League of Historical Societies and Museums is shown with Society president Dr. Marvin Ouwinga following presentation of the League's Harry W. Rowe Award at the Society's October monthly meeting. Photo courtesy of Donald S. Brown.

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The second award was a Preservation Award from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. This was presented to the Society by Commission chairman Christopher Glass of Camden who read the following citation:

Located in the Dr. Moses Mason House, a restored nineteenth century residence, the Bethel Historical Society is Oxford County's leading organization in history and preservation. Under its Director, Stanley Howe, and its curator of collections, Randall Bennett, the Bethel Historical Society has made the Moses Mason House into a model house museum and education center for local history. The county-wide range of this group's activities is most evident in its recent publication, OXFORD COUNTY, MAINE: A GUIDE TO ITS HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE. This widely acclaimed book by Mr. Bennett is a compilation of the result of an historic building survey conducted under the direction of the Bethel Historical Society in 1980-83 with assistance from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. The book will serve as a model for similar efforts in Maine's other counties and bring into focus the important architectural resources of western Maine.

**REFLECTIONS ON A HALF CENTURY
(continued from Summer 1987 Issue)**

by Leslie E. Davis

There was also enough timber on the woodlot to pay the purchase price of the whole farm; one of the most important items was the fact that there was a fairly ready market for the lumber on the woodlot and for practically any crop we raised, some of it at Hanover village two miles away, and other items at Rumford Falls thirteen miles distant. This farm also had a very good "sugar bush" so-called, and each spring we made from 100 to 250 gallons of maple syrup. It usually sold fairly well at \$1 per gallon, but I remember one spring when there seemed to be an oversupply and the price went down to about seventy cents per gallon.

The buildings on this Hanover farm were very comfortable and convenient; the years I spent here were very pleasant.

Hanover village during the years I lived nearby was a prosperous and thrifty little community of about 125 people, but it had considerable business for its size.

It had one grocery store, "Russell's", which also sold men's clothing, hardware, cloth and notions; the post office was also located in this store. This was a general store typical of country

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villages in the early years of this century. It was open from seven in the morning until nine or ten in the evening every day in the week except Sunday. It was the gathering place for the neighborhood where town, state and national questions were discussed and local gossip passed around.

This small community also had two small sawmills, a grist mill, tannery, casket shop, all run by water power generated by the small stream which is the outlet of Howard's Pond; of these today, fifty years later, not a single one of them is in operation. The town had a public library with a good stock of reading matter and new books were added each year by contributions from the local people and by a project which was really a contribution, but at the same time a pleasant means of community get-together.

Each Saturday night the Library Association had a public bean supper for which all the food was contributed and the price to the public was 10¢ per person.

For ten cents one could have all he wanted of baked beans, brown bread, pickles, applesauce, pie, plain and frosted cake and coffee.

The grist mill, which was run by Harry Staples, always fascinated me. He had two stone grinding mills which were kept pretty busy most of the time, but I believe what fascinated me the most was the system of elevators and spouts by which the grain came to the mill of itself and was carried back into the bins above and then into bags for the customers, and one man ran the whole outfit and he didn't seem to be too busy. In the basement of the grist mill he also had a carding machine of which fleeces of wool brought in by farmers were converted into rolls for spinning. Most farmers of those times kept a small flock of sheep which supplied the family with wool enough for mittens, stockings, and leggings which the family needed every winter. In my enumeration of the businesses of this little town, I nearly overlooked two blacksmith shops, the ferry house, Roberts furniture and hardware store and Bill Holt's sporting camp on Howard's Pond, but they were all there and an important part of the community.

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